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Students stepping it up

MIRIAM KING
 Bradford Times

The logistics are impressive: 21,000 students at 45 public schools in the Simcoe County District School Board will be participating in the Pedometer Project, thanks to a partnership between the Board and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.

The potential is even more impressive. The kids will be keeping track of their steps, with the 21,000 pedometers provided by Jumpstart, and integrating physical activity into their daily learning. In particular, the pedometers will be part of an innovative math program - challenging classes to work on math problems, measurement and calculation as they take steps.

The Pedometer Project was launched at W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford on Thursday - bringing together representatives of the School Board, Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program, including president Landon French, local students and special guests.

Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca brought greetings on behalf of Education Minister Mitzi Hunter. "It's just so important to ensure you continue to stay active," the minister told the students. "To be active, to stay active, to have



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Mandy Bujold, gold-medal flyweight boxer at the 2011 Pan Am Games, and an Olympic athlete, demonstrates boxing at the launch of the Pedometer Project in Bradford on Jan. 12.

fun - that's what it's all about." The Minister stayed for the ceremony - and participated in the inaugural activities afterwards, joining students

in a ball-moving challenge, that put the first steps on their new pedometers.

Peter Beacock, chair of the board of trustees, called the

Pedometer Project "an amazing thing. I think it's so exciting to see some of the activities you're going to do... and also some of the challenges.

I'm sure there are going to be some unique things that happen out of this project"

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Housing strategy: not much for BWG?

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Gregory Bishop, general manager of social and community services, and John Connell, acting implementation manager for social housing, came before Bradford West Gwillimbury council on Jan. 10 to provide an update of Simcoe County's 10-year affordable housing and homelessness prevention strategy.

It's an ambitious plan that has identified a target of 2,685 new affordable units to be created in the county by 2024 – 202 units in Bradford West Gwillimbury – through a combination of secondary suites and rental units, rent supplements for low-income earners, and a down-payment program, offering a forgivable loan to help Simcoe County renters move towards home ownership.

Bishop noted county council

has set aside \$7.5 million to support the programs, including \$1.5 million to create up to 60 secondary suites, and \$6 million in rent supplements over 10 years, and that changes in provincial legislation will make it easier for municipalities to provide incentives, to encourage affordable housing. Federal/provincial funding is also available.

Connell provided a summary of best practices for municipalities,

including writing off 100% of county and municipal development charges for affordable housing, providing a municipal property tax incentive, waiving planning and building fees, reducing parking and parkland requirements, permitting smaller lot sizes and square footage.

But when he provided some statistics relating to Bradford West Gwillimbury, he was challenged by councillors. Asked about rent supplements and home-ownership down-payments, Connell suggested that an affordable one-bedroom unit in Bradford would go for \$620 per month, a two-bedroom unit for \$1,089, and cited a house price of \$318,550, as an "affordable" home.

Coun. Gary Lamb pointed out that the average new home price in Bradford is over \$700,000.

"The \$318,550 is what you'd consider to be what a 'dilettante house'?" asked Coun. Gary Baynes.

Bynes, based on last year's

average resale value, minus 10%, said Connell. "That's a number for the county as a whole."

Coun. Mark Contois suggested that there would be no horses in BWG that would meet the criteria. "What the county does for the south part of their partnership is not an awful lot," Contois said. "I don't see how our taxpayers are gaining anything from this."

He also challenged the rental figures. "You can't get anything for those prices," Contois said, suggesting an affordable one-bedroom apartment in Bradford would cost closer to \$1,100; a two-bedroom, \$1,300. "These numbers, they might go in Midland, they might go in Penetanguishene – they are not going to go in Bradford West Gwillimbury. The county needs to update themselves."

There was also disappointment that the town will not be considered for a share of \$1.3 million in federal/provincial funding for affordable housing

in 2016-17. The county has approved a capital project in Collingwood, that includes the demolition of 30 units of social housing, and construction of 147 new units, a net gain of 117 units.

BWG had submitted four sites for consideration. Two of the four proposals – municipally owned land at 70 Melbourne Dr. and the Bradford Community Centre – were ranked "2" and "3" by the county, Connell said, and while not the top priority, will be the subject of "preliminary design and analysis, so that should additional funding opportunities arise, the County will be ready to move forward."

Since the affordable housing strategy was introduced in 2014, Simcoe County has seen the creation of 296 new affordable units, as of Sept. 30, 2016 – 16 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, including one new secondary suite, and 15 rent-supplement units. The goal is to create 2,685 units in Simcoe County by the end of 2017.

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County housing programs

Programs offered through the County of Simcoe:

- The Secondary Suites Program provides financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan of up to \$25,000, toward the creation of a secondary or garden suite; see simcoe.ca/ontariorenovates. To be eligible, all property taxes and mortgage payments must be up to date, municipal and building code regulations met, and insurance in place. The units created must be "modest," and rents held at or below the average market rent as established by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, for a period of 15 years. Applications should be sent to County of Simcoe social housing department, at: Secondary Suites Program, 1110 Hwy. 26, Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0, or by email to lah@simcoe.ca. Funding is limited, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- The Ontario Renovates Program provides funding of up to \$15,000 for urgent repairs and accessibility modifications, for

homeowners with a total gross income (all members) equal to or less than \$59,500 and assets less than \$20,000 (including RRSPs). Maximum house value must be at or below \$353,944 (based on assessment by MPAC). Loans for \$10,000 or more are secured on title, but are forgivable after 10 years of occupancy. Transfer, lease or sale of the home, or death of the registered homeowner, will require the outstanding amount to be repaid. See simcoe.ca/ontariorenovates for an application.

- The Homeownership Program provides a forgivable loan of 10% of the purchase price of a home, using federal/provincial funds. Homes must be in Simcoe County, priced at or below \$353,944, and can be detached, semi-detached, condominiums, stacked homes, townhomes or modular homes (with conditions). The downpayment is a loan forgiven in title, but is forgiven if the home is occupied for 20 years. Applicants must currently own

renters, cannot currently own a home, must provide proof of gross household income at or below \$72,900 and mortgage pre-approval. Personal assets, including gifts from family, savings, RRSPs, etc., cannot exceed \$20,000. Sale of the home before the 20-year period results in repayment of the original loan, plus 10% of the realized capital gain. Applications are available at simcoe.ca/homeownership.

- The Housing Resources Program provides free assistance and information to those searching for affordable housing in South Simcoe – with up-to-date rental information, assistance with housing issues, and programs to assist the homeless or those in danger of losing their home, through the Assistance Accessing Housing Retention Fund, and the Energy Assistance Program. Programs are provided through CONTACT Community Services Housing Help Centre, 39 Victoria St. E. in Alliston, or bradfordWORKS, 95 Holland St. W. in Bradford; call 877-480-7440. Services can also be accessed by dialling 211.



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Police Briefs

Witnesses sought

Bradford – South Simcoe Police are looking for witnesses or video surveillance of an incident on Jan. 16, on Hurd Street in Bradford. Around 6:30 a.m., a woman started her car, then returned to her home while it warmed up. At this time, an unknown male entered her vehicle for a short period of time. The woman returned to her car and discovered that it had been entered, but nothing apparently was taken. Leaving a running vehicle unattended can result in a "warm-up theft" – a quick and easy target for car thieves. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-775-3311, ext. 1009.

Theft of purse

South Simcoe Police were called to Georgian Downs regarding the theft of a purse. Around 4:30 a.m., a male was seen on security footage removing the purse, which the victim had left unattended for a short period of time. There was no cash in the purse, and security personnel assisted the victim in cancelling the credit cards that were taken. The suspect was seen leaving the men's washroom, then heading to the exit, where he was seen running to a vehicle; he is described as a white male with a brown goatee, wearing a baseball hat, black shirt, black puffy jacket, blue jeans with white shoes. The purse was later located in the men's washroom; the financial cards were missing. Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

Over 80

On Jan. 14, South Simcoe Police were called to a house in Innisfil for an "unwanted person." Before police arrived, the person left – and was located a short time later, pulling into her own driveway. While speaking with the 75-year-old Innisfil woman, the officer detected an odour of alcohol; a roadside screening test registered a "fail." After further testing at the police station, the woman was charged with over 80, her vehicle was impounded and her licence suspended for 90 days. Also on Jan. 14, around 11:30 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle

for speeding on Holland Street West in Bradford, and detected a strong odour of alcohol. A roadside screening test registered a "fail" and the driver was taken to the station for further testing. A small quantity of marijuana was located in the vehicle, and a small amount of cocaine on the driver's person. The 24-year-old Bradford man was charged with over 80 and possession of a controlled substance. His vehicle was impounded for seven days, and his licence suspended for 90 days.

Suspended driver

Around 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 14, an officer on patrol near Holland Street East and Dissettee in Bradford discovered the vehicle ahead had an expired validation tag. When the vehicle was stopped on Bridge Street, the officer noticed an odour of alcohol on the driver's breath. A roadside screening test registered a "warn," and police learned the man's licence was already under suspension for an unrelated matter.

South Simcoe Police stopped a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed on County Road 27 in BWG around 6 p.m. on Jan. 14 – travelling at 118 km/h in a posted 90 km/h zone. The 17-year-old driver, of Orillia, was found to be driving while under suspension. She was charged for speeding and for driving under suspension, and her vehicle was towed and impounded.

Identity theft and fraud

Innisfil – On Jan. 11, an Innisfil woman told police she had been the victim of identity theft and fraud. She had posted hockey tickets for sale on Kijiji, and received a response from an unknown suspect, advising they were interested in purchasing tickets for a specific game. An email money transfer was to take place once the victim forwarded proof of her identity. The woman emailed a copy of her driver's licence, but never received any money and never heard back from the suspect. Later, through social media, the victim learned her identity is now being used to scam other victims on Kijiji in the same manner. Fake tickets are being advertised for sale using fake ID, and when the money is transferred,

no tickets are ever received by the victims. The woman has since removed her ad from the site. Police remind residents to never share personal information with strangers on the phone, through mail or over the internet unless you initiated the contact.

Deadly end to Festive RIDE

Ontario Provincial Police wrapped up its Festive RIDE Program on Jan. 7 on a sombre note – reporting six people lost their lives in impaired-driving-related incidents over the seven weeks of the campaign – five in motor-vehicle collisions, the sixth in an off-road vehicle. The OPP conducted more than 7,340 RIDE spot-checks

Police board chair acclaimed



MURRAY KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The five-member Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board has re-elected Rob Hicks as chair and Licio Miguelo as vice-chair for another term, both by acclamation. The board, which held its elections on Jan. 16, governs the South Simcoe Police Service, which is shared by the two municipalities. Pictured, from left, are BWG Mayor Rob Keffler, Miguelo, Hicks, members Sharon Villani and Innisfil Mayor Gord Wauchop.

throughout the province, charging 610 drivers with impaired – 22 of which were impaired by drugs charges. An additional 368 drivers received warn-range suspensions

for registering a blood alcohol concentration between .05 and .08. And the OPP investigated 270 collisions in which an impaired driver was a factor.

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Point of View

Temporary fixes are not enough

Earlier this month, a Syrian refugee family celebrated their first year in Canada, in Bradford West Gwillimbury, surrounded by members of the interdenominational group that sponsored them, and dozens of new friends.

It was a heart-warming, wonderful celebration. It was inspiring to see that as the community has embraced the family, the family has embraced Canada – from school to English-as-second-language classes, from ice skating to potato chips.

It's a scenario that has been repeated across Canada, where groups, churches, organizations and individuals have sponsored refugees, providing support, shelter and a new life. But it's not enough.

As long as war continues to rage in Syria, as long as civilians are caught in the crossfire and forced to flee, it can't be enough. As long as millions sit in limbo in refugee

camp, or risk their lives trekking overland to seek a new life in Europe; as long as new refugees are forced out of their homeland every day, it's not enough.

Only the resolution of the Syrian conflict can be enough, an end to the internecine war that has ripped the country apart, destroyed its economy and left millions displaced.

Welcoming refugees, providing humanitarian aid – at the end of the day, those are little more than stopgap measures. Band-aids. Only when the international community stands together to find the right combination of sanctions and pressure to put an end to the conflict, giving refugees the choice to stay in their new countries or to return home, will it be enough.

Being kind to the survivors doesn't make up for turning a blind eye to the shipwreck. Putting out the embers doesn't stop the fire.

A warmer winter for Coats for Kids



For a second year, South Simcoe Police's "A Warmer Winter" campaign invited residents in both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury to drop off donations of outgrown and unused winterwear for Coats for Kids, a grassroots volunteer campaign that makes coats, snowsuits, hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and boots available to families and individuals in need, at no charge. This year's Warmer Winter coat drive was an outstanding success. So far, South Simcoe Police have collected 346 coats and snowsuits. "Last year, we were at 300 in total," said Spd. Const. Elisabeth Aschwarden. "And we're only halfway there." Donations can still be dropped off at the bins inside the doors at the police stations in Bradford and Innisfil. Especially needed are boots in all sizes, to ensure "no one has to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared," Aschwarden said, as she delivered the donations. Coats for Kids is located in the St. Mary's "A" Hall on Frederick Street, in Bradford. The depot is open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jan. 26.

Letters to the Editor

Carbon tax consequences

To the editor: The new carbon tax that we all are paying for at the pump is a concept directed at the wealthier among us, but will be paid for by the rest of us. If the purpose of the carbon tax is to encourage people to use alternatives to gasoline-fueled vehicles, that is an option open only to those with the means to do so. Electric and hybrid vehicles are top-of-the-line purchases not available to the majority who are purchasing a new car.

Also, a large segment of auto purchases are in the used-car market. That is the only way many, many people are even able to purchase a car. That leaves the largest segment of those who must pay exorbitant prices at the pump just to get on keeping on with life.

To me, that amounts to a tax directed at the segments of our society least able to pay and least able to avoid.

If we are going to penalize people for using fossil fuels, then they must have viable alternatives. We could have a seamless public transportation system, such as buses that meet the GO trains. This would allow families to manage with one car, instead of two.

Maybe at some point someone will invent some sort of kit that would convert a conventionally fuelled vehicle into a hybrid. If

we ever reach the point where the majority of vehicles being manufactured are electric or hybrids, how many people do you know who have the means to purchase a new car, without the value of their trade-in? The persons supporting this kind of legislation may have altruistic values in mind, but do not share the practical considerations that the majority of the population has to face daily.

Ruth Brooks, Bradford

Food bank thanks

The Helping Hand Food Bank executive would like to thank Bradford-area businesses, schools and churches, as well as community members, for the wonderful outreach of support that was received by us for the Christmas hamper. The donations of food and cash are appreciated and well-used in the community. A special thank-you to Holy Martyrs of Japan Church for providing the two-day use of the Parish Hall, for the set-up and pick-up of the food hampers and toys, and to Bradford Moving and Storage for the food boxes. Finally, a huge "thanks" to the wonderful volunteers under chair Pearl for organizing this annual event.

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Mr Canada: My most memorable character

JAMES R. CULBERT
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When our family moved to Bradford in 1965, we took up residence on Hurd Street. At the time, I was 15 years old, and looking for summer work.

Not being able to bring our pets with us, I soon noticed a dog out in the yard at the corner of Church and Hurd streets. I finally went over, and met Mrs. George Gibson Green. We became friends immediately.

Spending evenings there, I listened to many stories of Bradford past, and the grand old homes that made up Bradford society. Stories of gas-lit lamps, Hurricane Hazel, parties at "The Pines" (the Mark Scanlon estate), and the clearing of the marsh were some of the tales that provided an evening's entertainment.

Jessie Elaine Rae came to Bradford from Oshawa to play in an Easter cantata at Bradford United Church. Also performing in the cantata was George Gibson Green. He met Jessie, and told his friends that he was going to marry that girl!

Jessie was the daughter of Dr. Francis Rae of Oshawa, that village's first medical officer. During her younger years, she took up music and earned three music degrees, participating in the music programs at her church.

George did pursue his love, and they were married in 1909. George's wedding gift to Jessie was a home built at 123 Church St. in Bradford. It was the first home in Bradford to have an actual bathroom.

They raised two girls, Mary and Rae, and George ran Green's General Store. They lived happily together in that house until George's death, in the 1930s. Not wanting to stay in the house without her beloved George, Jessie moved one door north, to the southwest corner of Hurd and Church.

Jessie brought her musical expertise to Bradford. For many years, she was choir director and organist at Bradford United, and until her health failed and she sold the house, she taught piano lessons.

I was just finishing up high school, and was not sure of what direction I should take for a career. Rae Green was moving into an apartment, and Mrs. Green asked me to take some drapes down from the dining room window, and use the fab-



Jessie Green and grandson Scott.

ric to cover an occasional chair for her. I had never done such before, but said I would try.

Well, the chair turned out fine, and I felt I would like to give re-upholstery a try. I found a firm in Barrie willing to take on an apprentice - and 45 years later, I am still doing and loving my work.

Throughout our friendship, Mrs. Green also taught me a lot about antiques. When she moved, some were sold and some given to me from her collection. When people ask, I tell them that I have been collecting since I was 15.

If it were not for Mrs. Green's kindness, who knows - I may have still been cutting lawns all over Bradford.

For Canada's sesquicentennial year, the *Bradford Times* is asking readers - both long-time residents and newcomers to the country - to share some of their favourite places, events and memories of this country we call home. Stories, photos and comments can be sent to mking@postmedia.com, subject "My Canada," or mail to "My Canada," *Bradford Times*, 74 John St. W., Box 1570, Bradford, ON, L3Z 2B8.

Brief

First Bradford Scouting is hosting another bottle drive Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m. Please bring your empties to the tent set up at The Beer Store in Bradford, on Holland Street West, and

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Board/Committee

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- Mon. Jan. 23 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
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Economic Development Advisory Committee

- Wed. Jan. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 305 Barrie St., Unit 2 – Boardroom

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- 2017-CC10R – Committee Coordinator
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- 2017-WW01FT – Wastewater Operator
Closing January 23, 2017
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Pursuant to Section 51 of the
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Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury approved Plan of Subdivision D12-14-14, Bond Head Properties Inc., c/o DG Group, subject to conditions, on the 10th day of January, 2017 under section 51 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 5. A key map showing the location of the lands is shown below.

Council's decision, the proposed plan of subdivision and conditions of approval are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of Council's decision by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, **not later than the 8th day of February, 2017**, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of \$300.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

In conformity with section 51(38) of the *Planning Act*, public comments/submissions and response to same are set out in Report No. DES 2016 73 which is available for viewing on the municipal website at https://bradfordwestgwillimbury.ca/webnet/FileStorage/54C1446B6B654F16B4357B49FC316FA4-Recommendation%20Report_Application%20for%20Official%20Application.pdf or by contacting the Office of Community Planning at planninginfo@townofbwg.com.

The applicant or any public body may, at any time before the approval of the final plan of subdivision, appeal any of the conditions imposed by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Town a notice of appeal.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, as the approval authority, may in its discretion, change the conditions of the approval of the proposed plan of subdivision at any time before the approval of the final plan.

You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of approval of the proposed plan of subdivision if you have made a written request to be notified of the changes to the conditions.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal regarding any changes to the conditions of approval unless the person or public body, before the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury made its decision, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or made a written request to be notified of the changes to the conditions.

Only individuals, corporations, or public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of a proposed plan of subdivision to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, the appeal forms are available from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca.

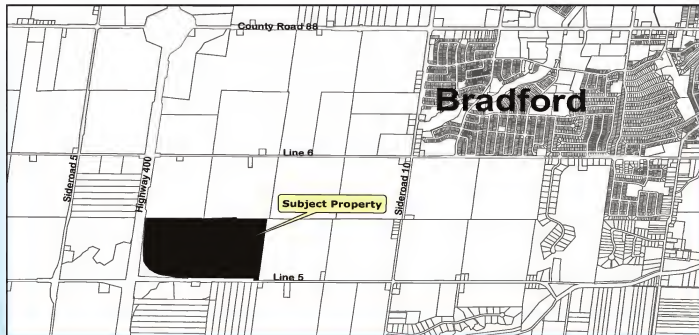
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The land proposed to be subdivided is also subject to Official Plan Amendment Application D09-15-03 and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application D14-15-16 under Sections 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ryan Windle, Office of Community Planning, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, telephone 905-775-5366, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 19th day of January, 2017.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Administration: 100 Dissette St, Units 7-8, Bradford

Bell opens conversation on mental health

Jan. 25 is Bell Let's Talk Day — opening the conversation on mental health.

This year, 20,000 student athletes will be joining the conversation, at 53 Canadian Universities, and the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Canada West university sport conferences.

The student-athletes will

help lead campus conversations about mental health, discussing the impact of mental illness and how to fight the stigma that keeps so many from seeking help.

"The Bell Let's Talk partnership with Canadian universities has grown from 11 schools in Atlantic Canada in 2016, to 53 right across the

country this year, from 2,200 student-athletes to more than 20,000," said Mary Deacon, Chair of Bell Let's Talk. "Conversations will be taking place in classrooms, residences and sport facilities on campuses across the country, helping combat the stigma and supporting those who struggle. We look

forward to the continued growth of this great initiative in the years to come."

Leading up to Jan. 25, 100 university sports games across the country will host Bell Let's Talk events, handing out thunder sticks and temporary tattoos, and inviting fans to sign banners in support of mental health.

On Jan. 25, Bell will donate five cents to Canadian mental health programs for every text message, mobile and long distance call made by Bell Canada and Bell Alliant customers, every tweet using #BellLetsTalk, every post to Instagram using #BellLetsTalk, every use of the Bell Let's Talk Snapchat geoliter,

and every view of the Bell Let's Talk Day video at facebook.com/bellestalk.

This will be the seventh annual Bell Let's Talk Day. With the initial anchor donation of \$50 million, Bell's commitment to mental health now stands at more than \$79.9 million. For more information, visit bell.ca/letsstalk.

Praise for pedometer project

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"This is also an important demonstration of the value of partnership," said associate director of education Janis Medysky. "Partnerships such as this one can only strengthen the community." The concept originated with the school board. Deb Shackell, healthy active living resource teacher for the board, and superintendent of education Anita Simpson came up with the concept as a way to link activity and the board's new math strategy.

It was Shackell and Simpson who approached Jumpstart with an idea and a list

of potential schools "and we went to work, finding the right equipment, getting the right vendors," said Eric Carbridge, regional manager of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. It took six months to organize, but "this week, all the schools are getting their pedometers," he said.

Among the participating schools are W.H. Day, Chris Hadfield Public School and Sir William Oslar Public School in Bradford West Gwillimbury; and Alcona Glen, Goodfellow and Sunnybrae Public Schools in Innisfil — but there will be participating schools "all over the board," across Simcoe County.

"Thank you, Jumpstart Canada. Thank you for saying yes, thank you for helping our students to be more physically active ... thank you for making this little, tiny dream a reality," said Simpson. "The sky's the limit."

For the kids, the star of the launch was Olympic athlete, boxer Mandy Bujold, who brought the gold medal she won in the flyweight division at the 2011 Pan American games. She shared tips on goal-setting, and achieving those goals — then helped the students put steps on their pedometers, by providing a quick boxing lesson, full of fun facts and jokes.

"We're very excited and



MARIAN KIRBY/BRADFORD TIMES

Olympic boxer Mandy Bujold helps a student with his pedometer at the launch of the Pedometer Project in Bradford on Jan. 12.

honoured to be the kick-off school for the Pedometer Project," said W.H. Day principal Peter McKenna, promising his school would be a leader in any step challenge. "We will do more than our fair share."

The Simcoe County District School Board has set up a website for the Pedometer Project, where students can upload their data, and where the public can learn more about the initiative. See scdsb.pedometerproject.blogspot.ca. Information is also available at #SCDSBStepUp on Facebook and Twitter.

"Physical activity equips kids with important life skills,



Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca joins students getting ready to get active at the launch of the Pedometer Project in Bradford on Jan. 12.



Kids learn how to box at the launch of the Pedometer Project in Bradford on Jan. 12.

like discipline, courage and teamwork," said Jumpstart president French. "By providing pedometers to the SCDSB, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities can motivate kids to learn

and grow through the power of play." And in Simcoe County, he said, "You've got lots and lots of opportunities to be active, whether it's on a trail, in a pool or on the ice."

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Basic CPR and first aid

The Tec-We-Gwll Women's Institute presents a basic CPR and first aid certificate course on Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tec-We-Gwll WI Hall in Newton Robinson, with instructor Rick Milne. Learn to save a life — \$15 for Tec-We-Gwll Women's Institute members, \$30 for non-members. Space is limited; register by contacting Diana at 705-435-6427 by Jan. 27. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Wear comfortable clothing. The hall is located at County Road 27 and Bradford West-Gwillimbury Line 10.

STOP smoking workshop in Bradford

Is your New Year's resolution to finally quit smoking? There is help available. Sign up for a free three-hour STOP smoking workshop, offered by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. The workshop

will provide information on how to start on the road to smoke-free living, how to deal with cravings, and provide a free five-week course of nicotine replacement patches, along with advice on how to use them safely. Workshops are open to all adults who are regular tobacco users.

There will be a stop smoking workshop in Bradford Jan. 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For information on eligibility, locations, and to register, contact the Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

RomolaMed brings aesthetic options to Bradford

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"It's great to be here for another grand opening of a small business in Bradford."

With those words, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer congratulated RomolaMed Medical Aesthetic Centre owner Olga Mishchenko and her family at a ribbon-cutting on Jan. 6.

Mishchenko, a medical doctor, international medical graduate and registered practical nurse (RPN), has opened the centre upstairs at 152 Holland St. E., Unit 204 (second floor), to offer residents a range of medical aesthetic procedures, including acne treatment, injectable filler and Botox treatments, and osteopathy.

Mishchenko has been working in the field of medical aesthetics since the early 2000s in her home country of Russia. After coming to Canada and becoming an RPN, she said,

"I started working in the community, serving clients in York Region, and resuming my practice in the aesthetic field." She learned the "Canadian approach" while working for a medical spa in downtown Toronto and North York, and now, she said, "I got to this point, finally, with the opening of RomolaMed."

The centre will offer face treatments that include skin tag removal, anti-aging treatments, Botox and dermal filler injections, and anti-acne treatments using advanced technologies, such as lasers, microdermabrasion and needle-free mesotherapy.

Body treatments include hydrolysis therapy to stop excessive sweating, vein sclerotherapy for superficial varicose veins, fat-reducing therapy and compression therapy — providing and fitting compression socks and stockings to treat superficial vein disorders.



Family members and staff join RomolaMed owner Olga Mishchenko, Mayor Rob Keffer and MP Peter Van Loan in cutting the ribbon at the centre's grand opening in Bradford on Jan. 6.

The centre also offers osteopathy, something new in the Bradford area. Mishchenko explained, "Osteopathy is a gentle version of manual therapy, which emphasizes the relationship between structure and function of a human body, helping it to heal itself." The centre employs an osteo-

pathic practitioner, as well as a laser technician, and both osteopathy and compression therapy are often covered by extended health insurance plans.

Among those congratulating Mishchenko, her husband, Roman, family and friends was York-Simcoe MP Peter



York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan, left, congratulates Olga Mishchenko and husband Roman on the opening of the RomolaMed Medical Aesthetic Centre.

Van Loan. Van Loan noted "free enterprise and individual initiative" are key drivers of Canada's economy, and congratulated RomolaMed for filling a need in the community.

"Health care and making people's lives better is so important," agreed the mayor.

RomolaMed Medical Aesthetic Centre can be reached at 289-501-0505 or email romolamed@gmail.com.

Health unit reports widespread influenza activity in region

Simcoe-Muskoka medical officer of health Dr. Charles Gardner has issued a declaration of widespread influenza activity in Simcoe County and Muskoka, and has informed the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and Public Health Ontario, of the situation.

Health partners have also been notified of the need to enact policies and strategies to control the further spread of influenza.

Gardner explained that after assessing influenza activity in the community — emergency department visits, lab-confirmed cases of flu, institutional outbreaks and physician reports of fever and flu-like illness — he issued the declaration and a warning to the general public, to be more vigilant in protecting themselves against influenza.

He asked families to get vaccinated against flu. This year's vaccine provides a close

match to the circulating H3N2 flu strain, and will also provide protection against influenza B, which often appears later in the season. Other prevention measures include frequent hand washing, staying home and avoiding contact with other people when ill, and practising good sleep and nutrition habits.

Feeling ill? Call your doctor or health provider if you don't start to feel better after a few days, your symptoms

get worse or you have a medical condition and develop flu-like symptoms. Call Telehealth at 866-797-0000 to talk

to a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

More information about flu is available at simcoe-

muskokahealth.org or by calling Health Connection, 877-721-7520 weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brief

The Barrie Women's Show takes place Jan. 21 and 22 at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie, 4346 Hwy. 90. Health and

Barrie Women's Show

wellness, beauty, bridal, food and fashion, guest speakers and on-stage demonstrations, prizes — from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. See womensshowbarrie.com for details.

Bell tower repairs

A contractor began setting up the scaffolding at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford last week — the start of repairs to the church's tower after a successful campaign to raise \$60,000. Engineers had determined the brick and wood tower was structurally unsound, silencing the church bell. Once repairs are completed, the bell will ring again.



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Funding for Innovation Centre at Georgian College

influenza activity

From: National Health Centre, Jan 18, 2017

Subject: Influenza activity in the community

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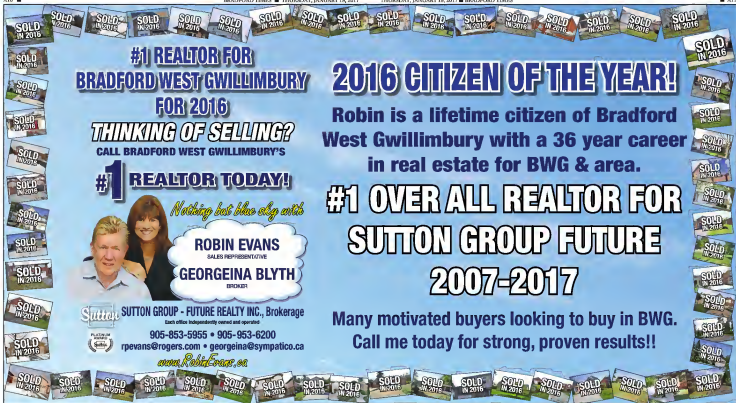
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Major investment in Honda of Canada

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"It's a huge day for Honda," Honda Canada president and CEO Jerry Chenkin made the comment after sharing the podium with Navdeep Bains, federal minister of innovation, science and economic development, and Brad Duguid, Ontario's minister of economic development and growth, for a multimillion-dollar announcement at the Alliston plant Jan. 9.

The ministers announced new grant funding of up to nearly \$84 million – \$41.8 million from each level of government – for innovative projects at Honda of Canada Manufacturing. Bains described the grants as an "investment in well-paying middle-class jobs that will ensure Honda remains on the leading edge of technology and innovation, and maintain the existing 4,000 associate positions in the plant."

The federal funding comes from the Automotive Innovation

Fund, designed to promote the development of "greener, more fuel-efficient" vehicles, Bains said. At the same time, he announced a significant change to the fund: a shift from loans to grants. Money will be granted to "select program funding recipients without the expectation of repayment," the minister said, a step designed to attract investment, support research and development, and "drive economic growth through innovation."

From the use of lighter materials in manufacturing, to the production of self-driving cars, Ontario leads the way, Bains said – in part because it represents the largest technology hub "outside the Silicon Valley." The investment reflects confidence both in the automotive sector and Ontario's economy.

Duguid announced matching provincial funding. "This is an incredibly exciting time to be in the auto sector," he said, "Honda really is leading the way, and we're so proud to

have Honda in Ontario."

Duguid also praised the new co-operation between the provincial and federal governments in supporting Ontario industry.

"It's good to be up here, not alone but in a very strong partnership," he said.

The announced grants represent 17% of Honda's planned \$492-million investment in the Alliston plant over the next three years, continuing the modernization of its operation and reducing its carbon footprint.

Honda of Canada Manufacturing celebrated its 30th anniversary in November, noted Chenkin, and has already invested \$857 million in updating the manufacturing plant to completely revamp the 2016 Honda Civic and CRV, both of which are produced in Alliston.

"We actually invested nearly \$300 million more than our own commitment, bringing the total to \$1.15 billion," Chenkin said. "We are continuing to invest in the

future here at Honda of Canada Manufacturing."

The new, nearly-\$500-million investment will allow further modernization and upgrading of the facilities, "including building a state-of-the-art paint shop, which will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from our paint process by 45%, further reducing our manufacturing carbon footprint in Canada. As a result of these upgrades, HCM will continue to provide thousands of well-paying, high-quality jobs in Alliston and throughout Canada," Chenkin added.

Honda of Canada Manufacturing generates 19,000 Canadian jobs – not only through the direct production of cars "built for Canadians, by Canadians," but through parts suppliers and dealerships, and through the services of jobs across the board.

Duguid downplayed the fact that the president of U.S. president-elect Donald Trump's protectionist policies.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

A redesigned Honda CRV, produced at Honda of Canada Manufacturing in Alliston, is shown Jan. 9.

"Donald Trump is a businessman. He understands rate of return," said Duguid, and the fact the back-and-forth trade across the Canada-U.S. border in the Great Lakes area is crucial to the health of not only the auto sector, but the economies of a number of states.

Trump has promised the return of manufacturing jobs in the northern industrial states, Duguid said. "Many of those jobs depend on an unfettered movement of vehicles across the border."

Chenkin later said the

upgrades to the paint shop would be a two-year project. "How we do those things never ceases to amaze me ... There is a seamless transition from old to new" that doesn't halt operations at plants that produce nearly 400,000 vehicles each year.

"At the end of the day, the quality of the vehicles will be significantly improved," Chenkin said – and while all of the funding will be invested in the Alliston plant, "innovation leads to new jobs and investment elsewhere."

Brief

Conference on the Prophet Muhammad

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association invites women to A Tribute to the Prophet Muhammad, a conference reflecting on his life, character and message. Held at Bradford United and Church, 56 Barrie St., on Jan. 21 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., topics will include Prophet Muhammad's covenants with the Christians of his time – including his guaranteed protection of Christian places of worship – and Prophet Muhammad as a liberator of women, and the revolutionary changes he brought about in the lives of women of his day. Both presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Admission to this women-only event is free. Refreshments will be served. Come out and learn more about the prophet of Islam.

Prophet Muhammad, 1,500 years ago, will be hosting a Christian delegation to pray in his mosque. Now, 1,500 years later, Muslim women and their guests are invited in a church to commemorate the same prophet who initiated interfaith dialogue.

Funding for innovation centre at Georgian

Barrie – Funding was confirmed Jan. 9 for a new, \$30-million Advanced Technology Innovation and Research Centre at the Barrie campus of Georgian College.

Navdeep Bains, federal minister of Innovation, science and economic development, announced \$16.8 million in funding through the government's Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. "This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down-payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation," said Bains. "This means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into middle-class jobs and start-up companies into global success."

The three-storey, 56,000-square-foot centre will provide study and learning space for students in new

diploma and degree programs – including Simcoe County's first electrical engineering degree, in partnership with Lakehead University – and house the Centre for Research, Innovation and Commercialization, expected to play an essential role in creating a strong local entrepreneurial climate and diversifying the economy.

The centre will include research and commercialization space for business and industry, including incubator and fabrication spaces, and more than 800 degree and diploma students are expected to use the labs and collaboration facilities.

In addition to the federal funding, the Centre for Advanced Technology, Innovation and Research has received \$1.8 million from the Province of Ontario, \$5 million from the County of Simcoe and \$5 million from the City of Barrie. Georgian College intends to work with com-

munity and industry partners to secure additional funding that will ensure the building opens by the fall of 2018.

"We are so proud that post-secondary education continues to expand in Simcoe County, providing opportunities for our residents, fueling our skilled-labour market and driving our economy and communities forward. The new Advanced Technology, Innovation and Research Centre will serve as a hub to support our local industries and create thriving businesses while continuing to position Georgian College as a provincial leader in producing highly skilled, job-ready graduates," said Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall.

The students are also excited about the possibilities. Mark Reckin, mechanical engineering technology student, said, "We're thrilled for the possibilities that this new centre brings, like new degree and diploma



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Celebrating the announcement of funding for the Advanced Technology, Innovation and Research Centre are, from left, Mark Reckin, mechanical engineering technology student, Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall, Georgian College president and CEO MaryLynn West-Meyers, Navdeep Bains, federal minister of Innovation, science and economic development, Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie MPP Ann Hoggarth and Hunter Markle, vice-president of the Georgian College Students' Association, in Barrie on Jan. 9.

programs, new labs and research facilities. As the president of the Georgian College Electric Vehicle Racing Club,

where we design and construct a small electrical car, I am eager to utilize the resources this facility will bring."

Political Armchair Quarterbacks

and bring listeners behind the scenes, as they get at the why and how of the news.

Mahoney is a digital strategist and writer in Toronto, with a background in politics. She runs a digital communications company, and has worked on the digital teams for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier

Kathleen Wynne. She writes for Loonie Politics, and has been featured in the book, *The City*, an online magazine for women.

Scott is from Bradford. He has worked as a writer for *Windsor Star* and *Windsor Post*, and now runs his own consultancy firm. He has run campaigns or provided com-

munications for progressive candidates at all levels of government in Ontario and the U.K., and is both a columnist with Loonie Politics and a self-described "talking head" on CTV. Scott has written for the National Post, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, IPolitics.ca, Huffington Post and other publications.

Armchair Quarterbacks will air on AM 690 in the London area starting this week. The podcast will be available on Loonie Politics twice a month, at loonipolitics.com/urban-vote has been key to electoral success in Ontario. Listeners can subscribe to the podcast on their iTunes apps.

A call to artists and artisans

During 2017, the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St.) is hosting a number of musical events featuring local artists, ranging from the classical to contemporary. In conjunction with these shows, there is an opportunity for fine artists and artisans to display their work.

To be considered for an exhibit, artists and artisans must submit an application, including photographs of their work. All work must be original, and by the artist/artisan; no reproductions or mass-produced items permitted. Everything must be one-of-a-kind, and may be offered for sale.

The artists must have a reasonable body of work suitable for exhibition, and submit at least three photos of their work, along with a brief artist's state-

ment, to be used in the jurying process, and in advertising the event. A list of items to be exhibited should be included.

Up to four artists/artisans can exhibit together, but each must submit photos and paperwork required. Submissions should

be emailed to bradfordartscentre@gmail.com before Jan. 30. The Bradford Arts Centre continues to evolve as an

accessible and affordable venue for the arts, with seating for up to 200, and outstanding acoustics. For more informa-

tion, including unique sponsorship opportunities for local businesses, see bradfordartscentre.org.

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Still time to Superpower Your School

Schools can win \$25,000 in new technology, just by sharing their eco-initiatives in the Superpower Your School Contest, held jointly by Staples and Earth Day Canada. Deadline for entries is Jan. 31; for more information, visit staples.ca/powerco or see earthday.ca/powerco.

Romance is eternal

Chocolates are fattening. Flowers fade. So why not celebrate Valentine's Day with a "Romance is Eternal" concert at the Bradford Arts Centre – a richer, sweeter way to warm up for Valentine's Day?

On Feb. 11 at 7 p.m., seven magnificent sopranos will sing their favourite love songs at the centre (Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St.). Hear Amelia De Piero, Erin Doddington, Heather Farris, Janie Houghton, Rebecca Kratky, Grace Ronan and Cymdy Wallbank in concert, singing the music of sweet romance. The evening will include recitals of some of the world's greatest love poems, a brilliant exhibition of visual art, and fine wine for a truly romantic Valentine's Day.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors, available at bradfordartscentre.org or by calling 905-775-5335.

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Ice fishing seminar

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Wil Wegman, angler extraordinaire, will hold an ice fishing seminar, providing insight and tips on how to enjoy and excel at the winter sport. Jan. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South Innisfil Community Centre (Lefroy Arena), 1354 Killarney Beach Rd. The seminar is free, but please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Innisfil Food Bank - and pre-register, at wilwegman.com to be eligible for prizes.

Bowl for Kids Sake

The A&B Courier Bowl for Kids Sake, a fundraiser for the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, is coming up this March and April - including the annual Bradford Community Day of March 5 at Bradford Underground Bowl. Participants are asked to register a team of at least five people and start fundraising for Big Brothers Big Sisters - and get ready for five-pin bowling on March 5 at 1 p.m. To register a team, visit bbbsy.ca or call 905-726-2149, ext. 324.

This year, bowlers are also encouraged to wear red and white, in a salute to Canada's sesquicentennial - because it's Bowling for Kids Sake, eh?

Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night

The Bradford Curling Club hosts a Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night Feb. 4 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Comedy show starts at 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing to a DJ, and food catered by Poleiro BBQ. Tickets cost \$40 per person and are available at Water Depot, Decorator's Edge and Bradford Skin Clinic, or at the curling club, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays only.

Derby Girls wanted

Want to be a Roller Derby Girl? The South Simcoe Rebel Rollers will be hosting a 15-week winter boot camp for Derby Girl wannabes. Find out more at a meet-and-greet on Jan. 22 at ODAS Park in Orillia. Includes a free skate and information session and an opportunity to meet league members. For more information, email southsimcoerebellers@gmail.com or see rebelrollers.ca.

Hockey Day in BWG



MIRIAM KONG/BRADFORD TIMES
Hockey Day in Canada is a tradition, coast to coast - a celebration of the roots of ice hockey, when kids and adults take to outdoor rinks and ponds for hockey the way it used to be played. Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury will take place on Feb. 18 at Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., BWG Minor Hockey Association tykes, novice and atom Bulldogs will compete in a friendly day of on-ice fun. Includes a pancake breakfast by the Bond Head Lions Club, which will also provide a barbecue lunch, and indoor activities that include fantasy airbrush tattoos and balloon art. Parents, siblings and hockey enthusiasts of all ages are invited to attend.

Christmas kettle campaign a success

The Salvation Army announced it raised more than \$23.5 million nationally through its Christmas kettle campaign - surpassing its \$21-million goal.

As demand for services continues to grow across the country, The Salvation Army will use the additional money to help vulnerable people with the basic necessities, such as food, clothing and shelter - providing a wide range of life-changing programs that include housing support, job and skills training, budgeting assistance, computer literacy and substance-abuse recovery.

Hosted at more than 2,000 locations across Canada, the Christmas kettle campaign is the organization's largest fundraising drive of the year, and would not be possible without the thousands of kettle workers who volunteer their time, and support from corporate partners that include Walmart Canada, Loblaw Companies, Canadian Tire, Sobeys and the LCBO and many others that permit the placement of kettles in their stores each year.

"We are truly grateful for the continued support of our donors, volunteers and community partners, who enable us to help 1.9 million

struggling Canadians during the Christmas season and throughout the year," said commissioner Susan McMillan, territorial commander for

the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda.

For information on the Salvation Army and its programs, see salvationarmy.ca.



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Dianne Watson volunteers at the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at the LCBO in Bradford in December 2016.

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Perogy dinner

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church hosts another perogy dinner on Jan. 21 - \$10-\$12. \$14 for a small-regular-large dinner of perogies, sausage or meat-on-a-stick, salad, dessert, tea/coffee or juice. Tickets at the door, 721 Simcoe Rd. 4 to 7 p.m. Side orders of borscht, sausage and cabbage rolls available for a nominal cost.

Church events

Treasure sale

Treasure sale at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., from 8 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 28. Treasures culled from basements, attics, closets and cupboards can be yours for a donation. The first treasure sale of the year will feature books. All proceeds support the church and its charities. Want to hold your

own rummage sale? Tables are available for \$15 each; call 905-775-7258 to reserve.

Euchre party

Euchre party at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 28. Tickets \$10 per person, available at the door, for an afternoon of euchre, prizes and refreshments. All welcome.



MUMAL HANG (BRANDON TIMES)
Serving up ham and scalloped potatoes at Bradford United Church on Jan. 14.

Community Listings

THURS., JAN. 19

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK'S NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At the Newmarket Community Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive. Meet & Get starts at 6:30 p.m., meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Bagulo, on Palliative Care and accessing palliative services. All welcome. For information, see www.prostatecancer.ca or call 905-895-1975.

FRI., JAN. 20

KURTIS + THE CROSSWINDS IN CONCERT: A concert at the Bradford Arts Centre (Bradford United Church), 66 Barrie St., in Bradford, at 8:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering, plus a donation of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

SAT., JAN. 21

ROBERT MUNSCH PYJAMA DAY PARTY: Another Free Family Saturday at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. W., in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free activities and crafts from the theme of Munsch's Pyjama Day. Geared towards kids 3 and up accompanied by an adult. Wear your PJs.

SCOUTS TOTEM DRIVE: At the Beer Store in Bradford, Holland St. West, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., raising money to send scouts to the 2017 Canadian Junior World Championships.

LION KING: Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio (MIMPA) Presents Disney's Lion King at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick, 3 and 7 p.m. on Jan. 21, and 3 p.m. on Jan. 22. Tickets only \$15 for this outstanding performance!

ROBBIE BURNS' NIGHT: The Lefroy-Bellie Ewart Legion, Branch 547, located

at 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart hosts its annual Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 21, starting at 6 p.m. - an evening of appetizers, Roast Beef Dinner, Innisfil Pipes & Drums, and Burns' Address to a Haggis. Tickets \$25 each; contact Laurie Ferrie, 705-525-1919.

ROBBIE BURNS' NIGHT: DANCE CANCELLED.

PEROGY DINNER: St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church hosts another Perogy Dinner on Jan. 21 at a Small-Regular-Large dinner of perogies, sausage or meat on a stick, salad, dessert, tea/coffee or juice. Tickets at the door, 721 Simcoe Rd., 4 to 7 p.m. Side orders of Borscht, Sausage and cabbage rolls available for a nominal cost.

CURLING FOR COPE SERVICE DOGS: At the Barrie Curling Club, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, prizes, information, \$80 per person, \$320 per team. Contact Kim Jeffery, 705-734-2673 or kimm@copedogs.org.

INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: Special guest Steve Travers, Barrie's Town Crier, will display an array of 18th Century men's and women's clothing, and talk about their use. 2 p.m. at the Knock Schoolhouse Heritage Site, 7756 Sideroad 10 at Line 9 Innisfil.

BARRIE WOMEN'S SHOW: At Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, 4246 Hwy 90 in Barrie, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Health and wellness, beauty, bridal, food, fashion, guest speakers and demos. Free.

CONFERENCE ON THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD: Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association hosts A Tribute to the Prophet Muhammad, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. The women-only conference will cover Prophet Muhammad's covenants

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED? SEND US YOUR INFO

Listings are published as space allows each week. E-mail listings to mln@bradfordtimesmedia.com. Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

with the Christians of his time, and the revolutionary changes he brought about for women. Free. Refreshments.

SUN., JAN. 22

BRADFORD BRIDAL SHOW: Great vendors, great information and a fashion show, 12 to 3 p.m. at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Fashion show at 1 p.m.

WINTER BOOT CAMP FOR DERBY GIRLS: The South Simcoe Rebel Rollers host a 15 week Boot Camp for anyone wanting to become a Roller Derby Girl. Find out more at a Meet & Greet, Jan. 22 at ODS Park in Orillia. Includes a free skate. For info, email southsimcoederbyrollers@gmail.com or see www.rebelrollers.ca.

MON., JAN. 23

STOP SMOKING WORKSHOP: Workshop will include strategies to stop smoking, and a supply of nicotine patches. To be held in Bradford from 6 to 9 p.m. For information on eligibility, location, and to register, contact the Health Unit at 1-877-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520.

WED., JAN. 25

BWNYR COCKTAIL PARTY: The Business Women's Network of York Region hosts a cocktail party at The Sharon Temple National Historic Site, 18974 Leslie St. in Sharon, East Gwillimbury, 5:30-

7:30 p.m. Great networking opportunity, plus a guest speaker from The Business Development Bank of Canada. See bwnyr.com for more.

ROBBIE BURNS CELEBRATION: Lakeside Retirement Residence, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, hosts a Robbie Burns Night, 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments, including Haggis RSVP to 705-431-8105.

THURS., JAN. 26

ICE FISHING SEMINAR: Wil Wegman, angler extraordinaire, presents a free seminar on ice fishing, 7 to 9 p.m., at the South Simcoe Community Centre (Lefroy Arena auditorium), 1354 Kilnary Beach Rd. Bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Inisfil Food Bank and register at wilwegman.com to be eligible for prizes.

SAT., JAN. 28

TREASURE SALE: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., in Bradford, from 8 to 11 a.m. Treasures culled from basements, attics, closets, cupboards can be yours for a donation. Hold your own rummage sale at call 905-775-7258 to rent a table for up to \$15.

EUCHRE PARTY: Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., hosts a Euchre Party from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 at the door, for Euchre prizes, refreshments. All welcome.

YOUTH SUMMER HIRING FAIR: Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Innisfil Ideal-A-R Library Lakeshore Branch, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd. Bring your resume.

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Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
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3:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Greater Life Community Church
2940 Sideroad 10, Bradford
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
905-771-7845
www.greaterlifecanada.com

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3204-10th Sdrd
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9 am - Service/Portuguese
10:30 am - English Service
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2:30 pm - Service Espagnol
4:45-5:00 PM Youth Program
905-775-3702 www.bbcw.ca

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Congratulations to this year's winners, Jasper the dog, belonging to the Phillips family, and Sebastian the cat, a beloved member of the Parr family. The draw took place Dec. 20, just in time for the holidays.

For more information on the Bradford Animal Clinic, see bradfordanimalclinic.ca.



Winners of the Christmas doggie basket at the Bradford Animal Clinic were the Phillips family and Jasper the dog.



The Parr family receives a gift basket for Sebastian the cat.

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DORNING, Russell — It is with sad hearts we announce the passing of Russell Dorning on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, 5 days before his 80th birthday. Beloved husband of the late Katie Dorning. Dear father of Helen Gomes, Cathy Dorning (Mike) and Wendy Walker (Rick). He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Chris and Eric Walker and his extended family Jamie Morrison (Julianne), Nicole Schuch (Justin) and their children Olivia and Jake, Danny Morrison (Erica) and their son Adam. Loving brother of Marie Barry and Helen Porter (Dale). Predeceased by his parents Helen and Stanley Dorning, sisters Evelyn Blanchette and Jeanette Shea and his brothers Stanley, Raymond and Clifford Dorning. Russell will be fondly remembered by all of his nieces, nephews, family and friends. A memorial mass will be held at the Holy Marys of Japan Church, 167 Essa St., Bradford on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 10 a.m. followed by interment of ashes at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.



LUIS, Paul — Peacefully passed away in his sleep at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on Monday, January 9, 2017. Paul Luis of Angus and formerly of Bradford at 57 years of age. Beloved husband of Teresa. Loving dad of Roger (Armanda) and Jessica (David Holland). Proud Vow of Liliane, Maria and Mays. Paul will be fondly remembered by his siblings and their families. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and the staff of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Dialysis Unit, Dr. Burzaco and the PSWs of St. Elizabeth Health Care for their compassionate care of Paul. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for a visitation. Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Marys of Japan Church, Bradford on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Marys Cemetery, Bradford. In Paul's memory, donations may be made to the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre.



STEENEVELD, Annie — Suddenly at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Sunday January 15th, 2017, Annie Steeneveld formerly of Newton Robinson in her 95th year. Deeply beloved wife of the late Arie Steeneveld. Dear mother of Jack (Debbie), Ann (Gary), Scott (Harvey) and Nelson (Pat). Dear grandmother of Gary, James, Ken, Jack, Jason and Cherry. Great grandmother of 11 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Friends may call at the Paul R. Kent Funeral Home, (Phy. 27 north), Cookstown on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Complete funeral service at Gifford United Church, Gifford on Friday January 20th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Spring interment Newton Robinson Cemetery, Newton Robinson. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

In Memoriams In Memoriams

Margie Remembered
HUNT, Arthur (Art) — 1938 - 2016
Your life was a blessing
your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure...
Love Karen and Darlene

Nothing is
really lost
as long as you
remember it.

- Ally Condie,



STAFF
The month started with a bang, with Canada Day celebrations and fireworks at the Bradford Community Centre — and the presentation of the BWG Civic Awards, including a Volunteer Service Award to Elsie Silva Kniff, organizer of the BWG Terry Fox Run, Senior of the year to Elaine Love, president of the Dnabre Seniors Centre, Sports Woman of the Year to the U17 Bradford Eagles girls soccer team — Canada's 2015 U18 national champions, and Citizen of the Year to Robin Evans for his ongoing fundraising and community support. Athlete of the year was Becky Fresham — volleyball and beach volleyball star who, with partner Becky Dorsey of Toronto, won silver in the 2016 NVL-RIZE Jr. Championships Global Challenge in Florida in July. She went on to win Gold in the Ontario Summer Games in Mississauga, with assigned partner Maddie Games in August — then silver, with Dorsey, at the Canadian Volleyball

STAFF
If there's anything more warming on a cold January evening than soup or chili, it's the feeling you get when you give to a good cause and help make a difference.

On Jan. 13, about 60 people got to experience both kinds of warmth at the Soup's On! fundraiser at Springdale Christian Reformed Church in the Holland Marsh.

For a donation, diners could enjoy their choice of home-made chili and soups — cauliflower, chicken noodle, leek and potato, pea — with all of the money going to support the mission trip of Caleb Van Stralen and Samantha Hanenmayer.

The students will be travelling to Guatemala in March, but need to raise \$3,200 to cover their costs. Before Soup's On! van Stralen

Briefs

Kurtis + The Crosswinds will perform Jan. 21, at the Bradford Arts Centre (Grand Central United Church) at 66 Barrie St. Lead singer Kurtis Kennedy-Singer grew up in Bradford, attended Freshview Elementary School and graduated from Bradford District High School. Now living in Newmarket, he and his band have played at Bradford's Carrotfest, Food Truck Festival, Downsview Ribfest and venues throughout Cookstown and Newmarket. The Jan. 21 concert begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering and a donation of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

Beach National U16 Championship. Golf-ball-sized hail stones hammered the Bradford area on July 8 — denting cars, damaging roofs, and shredding crops in the fields in the Holland Marsh, leading to thousands of insurance claims.

It was a busy month for fundraising and fun. The third Annual Birthday Wishes to Heaven, in memory of little Taysa Fairbrother, raised thousands of dollars for the families of children battling paediatric cancer. Bradford's Ribfest returned, bringing three days of carnival rides, BBQ, kids' entertainment and music, ribs — and Bradford hosted its first-ever Hola Latin Fiesta, an initiative of The Latin Group Inc. MetroLink held a public meeting on July 13 to unveil planned improvements to the GO Train service: doubling the tracks from Allandale to Lansdowne Station in Toronto, increases in the frequency of service that will eventually provide all-day 2-way service 7 days a week by 2025,

and the electrification of the trains. Plans also call for the construction of a Train Layover facility in Bradford, on Artesian Industrial Parkway.

On July 24, the congregation at Bond Head United Church held a sod-turning, for a new addition that will house a lift, making the church fully handicapped accessible — a \$230,000 project, for which fundraising continues.

On a darker note, a midnight prank turned to tragedy, on a quiet street in Bradford. It is believed that teens playing 'nicky-nicky-nine doors' at a home, at 2 a.m. on July 26, banging on the door and ringing the doorbell. Rodrigue (Rodger) Richardson, asleep downstairs, jumped to his feet — and suffered a fatal heart attack. He left behind a his wife and two children; devastated, they blamed the pranksters for causing sudden cardiac arrest. High physical stress has been known to cause a sudden spike in hormones, increasing adrenaline, leading to heart failure.

Warm soup, warm hearts



CALEB VAN STRALEN AND SAMANTHA HANENMAYER hosted a Soup's On! fundraiser at Springdale Christian Reformed Church in Bradford on Jan. 13.

and Hanenmayer had raised about two-thirds of what they needed, though a number of fun-

draisers, and hoped the soup dinner would help them closer to their goal.

Kurtis + The Crosswinds

Beyond the Lenses

The South Simcoe Arts Council presents Beyond the Lenses: A Collection of Photography at the council office, 41 Victoria St. E. in Alliston. The show, which runs from Jan. 9 to Feb. 25, features photos by local photographers Jim Craigiey, Rosaleen Egan, Kristin Peersboom, Aaron Harcourt, Mary Lucko, Bob Dorcas, Diana Harding-Tucker, Rosemarie Ange, Max Grasso and Bert Hofferich.

Something Borrowed,

Something New

Award-winning artist Leonora Husveti-Frenette has been invited

to hold a solo show of her vibrant collages at the Barrie Town Hall's First Floor Gallery, 70 Collier St. The exhibit of her mixed-media collages, Something Borrowed, Something New, will run from Jan. 9 to Feb. 24.

Much Ado About Nothing

Theatre Aurora presents Shakespeare's comedy, Much Ado About Nothing — set in 1920s Canada. This delightful production, directed by Shawn Rochelneau and produced by Mary MacDonald RB, will be on stage Jan. 18 to 28 at Theatre Aurora, 18 Henderson Dr. Tickets are available at the box office or at theatreaurora.com.

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